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ACU Endorses Proposed House Rules Changes

“The GOP caucus should adopt the Republican Study Committee’s rules reform package,” says Keene

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American Conservative Union today urged House Republicans to adopt the 10 rule changes proposed by the Republican Study Committee when the 109th Congress meets to organize itself January 3, 2005.

“The package of rule changes the Republican Study Committee has proposed represents some good, common sense conservative ideas,” ACU Chairman David A. Keene said in a statement released today. “The majority Republicans should embrace and adopt these changes.”

The Study Committee’s proposed rule changes include such provisions as requiring recorded roll call votes on all spending measures exceeding \$50 million; allowing House members to refer to the Senate in remarks on the floor; a cap on entitlements by requiring a three-fifths majority to increase benefits; and repeal of the “Gephardt Rule” that allows for automatic passage of a House resolution raising the public debt limit to conform with the budget.

“These reforms will provide more transparency in the business of the House and will enforce greater fiscal discipline to the Republican majority,” Keene said. “ACU heartily endorses the work of the Republican Study Committee and urges the GOP caucus to enact these useful changes.”